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GRIZ NETTERS TRAVEL
TO PLAY VANDALS ZAGS
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MISSOULA--

GAME DATES: The University of Montana will travel to Moscow, Idaho and Spokane, Washington, February 2-3, for a pair of Big Sky Conference games. The Idaho game begins at 7:35 p.m., while the Gonzaga contest is slated for 8 p.m.

RADIO: Bill Schwanke, of KYLT-AM Radio, will call the play-by-play, with pregame beginning 15 minutes prior to tipoff.

RECORDS: The Griz are in third place with a 4-3 record in the Big Sky, and are 11-8 overall. Idaho is almost mathematically out of the race for one of the four conference playoff berths, with a 1-6 BSC record (7-11 overall). The Bulldogs are in a three-way tie for fourth with a 3-4 conference mark, and are 12-7 overall.

SERIES RECORDS: Idaho leads the series 62-43, although UM swept the Vandals last season, and has defeated them at home (70-49) earlier this season. The Grizzlies lead the series with the Zags, 86-52 and also defeated them at home (68-53) earlier this year.

LAST MEETING: In UM's game with Gonzaga Jan. 5th, the Grizzlies had five players score in double figures, lead by John Stroeder's 14. Stroeder also had a game-high 10 rebounds.

UM got scoring from its entire team the following night in the win over Idaho. They shot 25 of 53 (47 percent), compared to 19 of 61 (31 percent) for the Vandals.

COACHES: All three head coaches are in their first seasons at their respective schools. Mike Montgomery coaches the Grizzlies, while Don Monson is at Idaho and Dan Fitzgerald is at Gonzaga.

TENTATIVE STARTERS:

	MONTANA
G --	Blaine Taylor, 6-1, So. (5.6 ppg., 3.1 apg.)
G --	Craig Zanon, 6-6, So. (4.5 ppg.)
C --	John Stroeder, 6-10, Jr. (12.4 ppg., 8.0 rpg.)
F --	Allan Nielsen, 6-6, Sr. (14.1 ppg., 5.4 rpg.)
F --	Craig Henkel, 6-7, Sr. (9.2 ppg., 4.3 rpg.)

	IDAHO
G --	Don Newman, 6-2, Jr. (16.9 ppg., 4.1 rpg.)
G --	Bill Hessing, 6-0, Jr. (4.6 ppg.)
C --	Chris Price, 6-8, Sr. (7.2 ppg., 5.2 rpg.)
F --	Terry Gredler, 6-7, Jr. (7.1 ppg., 4.8 rpg.)
F --	Reed Jaussi, 6-4, Jr. (10.9 ppg., 4.8 rpg.)

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TENTATIVE STARTERS: (continued)

GONZAGA

G -- Don Baldwin, 6-2, So. (5.2 ppg.)
G -- Ed White, 6-5, Jr. (3.6 ppg.)
C -- Paul Cathey, 6-7, Sr. (12.6 ppg., 8.1 rpg.)
F -- Carl Pierce, 6-7, Jr. (14.3 ppg., 7.3 rpg.)
F -- James Shepperd, 6-4, Jr. (11.5 ppg., 3.8 rpg.) OR
F -- Harold Brown, 6-5, Sr. (4.0 ppg.)

LAST WEEK:

The Grizzlies lost to rival Montana State (57-50) for only the second time in the last 13 meetings. UM will host the Bobcats February 24th, the last regular season game of the year.

Gonzaga dropped a pair of BSC games, losing to Boise State 72-70 in overtime and 79-75 to Idaho State.

Idaho split, losing 92-84 to the Bengals, and dropping Boise State 69-48.

MONTGOMERY QUOTES:

"At some point in the season we'll have to pick up a road win to have a good chance at making the playoffs; and this will be another opportunity to accomplish that.

Idaho is a much-improved team; and Gonzaga is playing as well as anyone in the conference, despite losing last weekend.

We've got to get the lead on Idaho. We don't want them to slow it down on us.

Physically we're OK. I just hope we're ready mentally."

NEXT WEEK:

Two weeks of road trips will come to an end February 9-10, when UM returns home to host Weber State and Northern Arizona in a pair of BSC games.

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